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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 17, 2011**. Most areas of the state received spotty rains last week. These welcomed showers have been a relief from the excessive hot and dry conditions of late and has given producers a break from the nonstop watering on irrigated lands. There have been reports of bugs in sweet potatoes and cotton. Soil moisture was rated 13 percent very short, 34 percent short, and 53 percent adequate.

Crop progress for week ending July 17, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, silked	99	98	100	100
Corn, dough	87	75	90	88
Corn, dent	55	28	64	57
Cotton, squaring	94	88	98	97
Cotton, setting bolls	40	25	77	62
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	63	55	54	58
Peanuts, pegging	93	69	78	79
Rice, headed	33	17	50	29
Sorghum, emerged	100	100	100	100
Sorghum, heading	69	48	90	85
Sorghum, coloring	18	9	24	23
Soybeans, emerged	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, blooming	87	78	91	94
Soybeans, setting pods	47	15	76	74
Sweet Potatoes, planted	100	98	100	98
Watermelons, harvested	72	59	84	86

Crop condition for week ending July 17, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	13	13	33	28	13
Cotton	2	8	22	49	19
Hay	14	23	33	28	2
Livestock	6	14	44	31	5
Pasture	10	36	25	26	3
Peanuts	0	0	58	32	10
Rice	0	5	26	47	22
Sorghum	1	6	22	60	11
Soybeans	4	10	24	50	12
Sweet Potatoes	4	9	25	39	23

Comments

“Rains last week varied anywhere from 1/10 to 6 inches. Most dryland corn is turning early due to the heat and dry conditions. These will likely be very low yields. However, all irrigated crops that have had good pest management practices look exceptional so far.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“We are watering, spraying cotton for insects, cleaning up turn rows, and chopping some pigweed. Crops look pretty good.”

— Don Respress, Quitman

“Some areas received rainfall which helped a lot but some areas are still hurting for moisture. Hay harvest has been in full swing throughout the county. No problem getting the hay to cure.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Much needed rain has fallen on parts of the County during recent thunderstorms. This has given many producers a much needed break from the continuous watering that has been taking place on irrigated acres. It will help soybean acres to fill what is there but was probably too late to help boost any yield on most of the dry land acres.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Approximately 600 to 700 acres of Wilkinson County are still experiencing flooding from Mississippi River. The soybean producers previously flooded near the river are hoping to get soybeans planted within the next week or 2.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Most of Jasper County has received rain in the last few weeks. Pastures are looking better. Chinch bugs are reaching high populations in some pastures, especially signal grass which emerged following ryegrass pastures. Chinch bugs are actually killing signal grass in large spots in some pastures. We still need more rain. Farm ponds are at record lows.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“We got 1 inch of rain Wednesday that will help finish filing out some of the corn. It also helped with some of the beans that are blooming. We are seeing some armyworms in beans but very few in pastures.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rain continues to be spotty. A few crops get rain. We need a good soaking rain. Cotton looks good, but the corn crop looks to be short due to drought and heat. Soybeans are still ok, while hay will be short.”

— Pamela S. Redwine, Yalobusha

“This past week, scattered showers fell around the area bringing much needed rain to parts of the county. However, the showers were scattered and a large area in the central part of the county surrounding Belzoni remains dry. Where the rain did fall, it was substantial, ranging from 1-3 inches. Crops look good under irrigation and where they got rain. Conversely, in areas without rain, the crops are suffering and dying prematurely from heat and drought. These unfortunate areas haven't had rainfall since early June.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“Beneficial rains fell across most of the area again this week. Most cotton growers have put out their lay by herbicides. Cotton growers continue to fight plant bugs.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Light showers were in the southern part of the county during the week, but we need a good soaking rain to help our soybeans and cotton. Corn is maturing very fast. Rice looks good and is heading.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Afternoon showers have been quite a relief from the extreme heat and below normal rainfall. Pastures and yards seem to have come back to life in the past week or so. We're still short of the needed winter supply of hay as of right now. Maybe we can catch up on needed hay inventory before winter arrives.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Scattered rainfall has helped soil moisture, but more is needed. Flea and Click beetles are showing up in sweet potatoes. Some fields are being hand-rogued now due to insufficient moisture to activate PRE materials.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Recent rains have helped much of the current crop. The majority of lay-by applications have gone out.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“We are receiving rains daily but showers are very scattered – rains vary from 1/2 inch to over 3 inches total throughout the county last week. Farmers are preparing for another cutting of hay ground finally.”

— Carolyn J. Conger, Covington

“Rains this past week put 2.5 to 3.0 inches of water on most of the county. However rains have been spotty and most areas could stand more. Cattle farmers are now hoping to squeeze two cuttings in before fall. Cotton and peanuts are looking good.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending July 17, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Charleston	101	73	87	81	6	0.33	-0.69	1	2.57
Clarksdale	98	72	85	82	3	1.75	0.79	1	4.49
Cleveland	101	74	86	83	3	2.63	1.68	3	4.53
Tunica 2N	99	75	87	82	5	0.00	-0.87	0	1.89
Extreme/Average	101	72	86	82	4	1.18	0.22	1	3.64
North-Central									
Batesville	100	67	85	80	5	0.00	-0.97	0	1.85
Calhoun City	100	73	86	80	6	0.56	-0.42	2	2.47
Hickory Flat	99	56	82	79	3	1.33	0.28	2	4.10
Holly Springs	100	70	84	79	5	0.43	-0.63	1	3.92
Independence	98	71	84	80	4	0.00	-0.90	0	2.63
Oxford	100	71	85	80	5	1.42	0.51	1	6.50
Extreme/Average	100	56	84	81	3	0.62	-0.37	1	3.58
Northeast									
Booneville	98	68	83	80	3	0.45	-0.50	1	3.63
Corinth 7SW	99	72	84	82	2	0.21	-0.79	1	4.63
Pontotoc Exp	98	72	85	81	4	0.39	-0.68	2	4.25
Verona	99	65	84	81	3	0.67	-0.12	1	5.17
Extreme/Average	99	65	84	80	4	0.43	-0.55	1	4.42
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	100	74	86	82	4	0.00	-1.24	0	1.61
Moorhead	99	74	86	82	4	2.35	1.20	1	4.71
Rolling Fork	100	75	87	82	5	2.50	1.55	2	5.89
Yazoo City	99	72	86	82	4	1.30	0.32	2	4.05
Extreme/Average	100	72	86	83	3	1.54	0.50	1	4.07
Central									
Canton 4N	99	73	84	82	2	0.28	-0.57	2	6.05
Forest 3S	98	71	84	80	4	0.00	-1.33	0	3.41
Kosciusko	102	73	85	81	4	2.29	0.98	5	3.66
Winona 5E	98	72	84	78	6	2.08	1.03	2	5.48
Extreme/Average	102	71	84	81	3	1.16	0.11	2	4.65
East-Central									
Aberdeen	99	73	84	80	4	0.00	-0.91	0	4.08
Columbus	99	73	85	82	3	0.66	-0.33	2	4.87
Macon	98	71	82	81	1	1.36	0.31	4	3.87
State University	101	70	85	81	4	1.33	0.30	3	4.51
Extreme/Average	101	70	84	81	3	0.84	-0.21	2	4.33
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	99	72	85	80	5	5.34	4.29	4	7.08
Crystal Springs	100	71	84	82	2	4.08	3.08	5	7.30
Natchez	100	74	85	82	3	1.47	0.56	4	2.98
Vicksburg City	99	75	86			0.36		2	1.88
Extreme/Average	100	71	85	81	4	2.81	1.76	4	4.81
South-Central									
Collins	98	72	83	81	2	2.25	1.13	4	4.75
Columbia	99	73	85	82	3	4.87	3.59	5	8.11
Monticello	103	74	88	81	7	3.25	2.16	2	7.04
Raleigh 6N	98	71	84			1.43		4	1.99
Extreme/Average	103	71	85	81	4	2.95	1.74	4	4.95
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	99	71	84	82	2	3.07	1.76	4	4.45
Laurel	98	72	84	81	3	0.99	-0.29	6	6.59
Newton	100	72	85	80	5	0.84	-0.28	3	4.63
Waynesboro 2W				80		1.68	0.43	2	3.77
Extreme/Average	100	71	84	81	3	1.65	0.39	4	4.86
State	103	56	85	81	4	1.52	0.45	2	4.43

DFN = Departure from Normal.